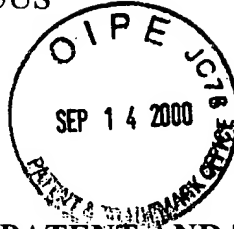


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

The present patent application is a continuation application. To expedite prosecution and an early allowance, applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and remarks.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (thrice amended) A one piece collection container assembly comprising:  
an elongate tubular housing having opposed first and second ends and a cylindrical wall therebetween defining a tubular interior; and  
a solid partition positioned within said housing between said first and second ends;  
said housing defining a volume for specimen collection therein between said first end and said partition;  
said second end comprising a false bottom end comprising a rounded open bottom end extending from an arcuate shoulder.